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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 25 are pending in this Office action.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 starts with the term "The", it should be an "A".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0117358 A1 issued to Tim von Kaenel et al. (hereinafter "Kaenel").

With respect to claim 1, Kaenel teaches method of customizing a software-implemented business process (paragraph [0465]) comprising:

- a) providing customized metadata defining entities (paragraph [0248]);
- b) storing the customized metadata and data corresponding to the entities in a first data store (paragraph [0324]);

c) providing a subscription list of the entities, the subscription list being defined by subscription metadata stored in a subscription data store of a mobile computing device (paragraph [0329]);

d) sending the customized metadata corresponding to the entities identified in the subscription list to the mobile computing device (paragraph [0329]); and

e) storing the sent customized metadata in a second data store of the mobile computing device (paragraphs [0065, 0337] and Figure 18).

As to claim 2, sending the data corresponding to the entities identified in the subscription list to the mobile computing device (paragraph [0400]); and storing the sent data in the second data store (paragraph [0324]).

As to claim 3, populating an entity defined by the sent customized metadata with the corresponding sent data (paragraph [0471]).

As to claim 4, displaying the populated entity on the mobile computing device in accordance with a form defined by the sent customized metadata for the populated entity (paragraph [0471]).

As to claim 5, the mobile computing device is selected from a group consisting of a mobile phone and a personal digital assistant (PDA) (paragraph [0354]).

As to claim 6, the customized metadata define data fields of the entities (paragraph [0296]).

As to claim 7, the customized metadata define presentation forms for the entities (paragraph [0296]).

As to claim 8, the storing step e) includes replacing old customized metadata stored in the second data store with at least some of the sent customized metadata (paragraph [0324]).

With respect to claim 15, further to the rejection of claim 1, Kaenel teaches a synchronizer configured to send the customized metadata corresponding to the entities identified in the subscription list to the mobile computing device for storage in the second data store (see paragraph [0269]).


The subject matter of claims 9 – 14 and 16 – 25 are rejected in the analysis above in claims 1 – 8 and 15 and therefore, these claims are rejected on that basis.

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahid Al Alam whose telephone number is (571) 272-4030. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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